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SUBJECT: KIRCHNER, Edmund Ivan, born 6 January 1900 in Komotau/CSSR (U)

1. (C) Information on file dated September 1948 indicates that Edmund KIRCHNER, born 6 January 1900 in KOMOTAU, CSR, organized the German Near East Intelligence Net in Egypt prior to 1940, not further clarified. In 1940, HE was assigned to the German Legation in ATHENS, where HE headed the anti-Greek news agency "Orient Presse," and served with Sipo and the SD, with the rank of SS Ustuf, in 1941. In 1942, HE was assigned to the post of Chief of the AST in ATHENS. SUBJECT also claimed to have been with the Abwehr in Greece (believed not to be true). (Uneval)

2. (C) Further information on file dated September 1950 indicates that SUBJECT was dropped as an informant of USI on 15 August 1950 for reasons of ineptitude. (Uneval)

3. (C) Additional information on file indicates that SUBJECT served in several intelligence capacities for the Germans during the war. HE was a professional intelligence agent, and maintained a net of sub-agents, not further clarified. (Uneval)

4. (U) Available records disclose no further pertinent information.

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